

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of acquiring description data for broadcast audiovisual contents, the method comprising:

a prior step of acquiring and storing in a receiver terminal at least one initial information request comprising an address of at least one audiovisual content description server; ~~wherein the step of acquiring and storing the initial request comprises downloading the initial request;~~

a step of generating at least one subsequent information request on the basis of the initial information ~~request;~~request, wherein during the step of generating the subsequent information request, the initial request is extended by specifying a time interval;

a step in which the receiver terminal transmits the subsequent information request to the audiovisual content description server; and

a step of the receiver terminal receiving description data supplied as a function of elements of the subsequent information ~~request;~~request, wherein during the step of receiving description data, the data supplied relates to audiovisual content broadcast in the time interval specified in the subsequent information request.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein during the step of receiving description data, audiovisual content description data is supplied as a function of a relationship between at least one date and time associated with the subsequent information request and the broadcast date and time of the audiovisual contents.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the date and time associated with the subsequent information request corresponds to the date and time at which the subsequent information request is transmitted.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein, the subsequent information request as transmitted is identical to the initial request.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein during the step of generating the subsequent information request, the initial request is extended by specifying at least one date and time.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein, during the step of receiving description data, the data supplied is that corresponding to audiovisual content broadcast at the date and time specified in the subsequent information request.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein during the step of generating the subsequent information request, the initial request is expanded by specifying a number of content items, and in that during the step of receiving description data, the data supplied corresponds to the requested number of audiovisual content items broadcast starting from the date and time specified in the subsequent information request.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 8~~claim 1, wherein the time interval is defined by a start date and time and by an end date and time.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 8~~claim 1, wherein the time interval is defined by a start date and time and by a duration.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein during the step of generating the subsequent information request, the initial request is extended by specifying keywords corresponding to the names of description elements for broadcast audiovisual content.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein following the step of receiving description data, the method returns to the step of generating the subsequent information request, in order to generate at least one new request associated with a new date

and a new time corresponding to the end-of-broadcast date and time for the audiovisual content for which description data has just been received.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the initial request is downloaded from a description server.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the prior step of acquiring and storing an initial step comprises the receiver terminal receiving said initial request via a signaling channel associated with an audiovisual content broadcast channel.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the prior step of acquiring and storing an initial request comprises a broadcast server supplying and SDP type file corresponding to an address field of a description server.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the description data is supplied in the form of an XML file.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the subsequent information request is associated with a single audiovisual content broadcast channel.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein during the step of generating the subsequent information request, a set of broadcast channels is defined, and in that during the step in which the receiver terminal transmits the subsequent information request, as many subsequent information requests are transmitted as there are broadcast channels specified in the subsequent information request.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating the subsequent information request, comprises adding at least one selection criterion to the initial request.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for acquiring description data for broadcast audiovisual contents, the system comprising:

at least one receiver terminal for receiving an audiovisual content, including means for downloading and storing at least one initial information request comprising the address of at least one description server, means for generating a subsequent information request on the basis of the initial ~~request~~, request and extending the initial request during the generation of subsequent information by specifying a time interval, and means for transmitting the subsequent information request to the description server, and

at least one audiovisual content description ~~server~~, server that receives description data supplied as a function of elements of the subsequent information, wherein data supplied with the description data relates to audiovisual content broadcast in the time interval specified in the subsequent information request.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the description server includes means for making an initial request available.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the system includes at least one audiovisual content broadcast server, said server including means for transmitting initial requests together with the broadcast content.

23. (Previously Presented) An audiovisual content broadcast server for implementing the description acquisition method of claim 1, including transmission means for transmitting the initial request together with the broadcast content.

24. (Previously Presented) The server of claim 23, wherein the transmission means are regular transmission means.

25. (Previously Presented) A receiver terminal for receiving audiovisual content to implement the description data acquisition method of claim 1, including means for downloading and storing the initial request and means for generating the subsequent information request to be transmitted on the basis of the initial request.

26. (Previously Presented) An audiovisual content description server for implementing the description data acquisition method of claim 1, including means for making the initial request available.